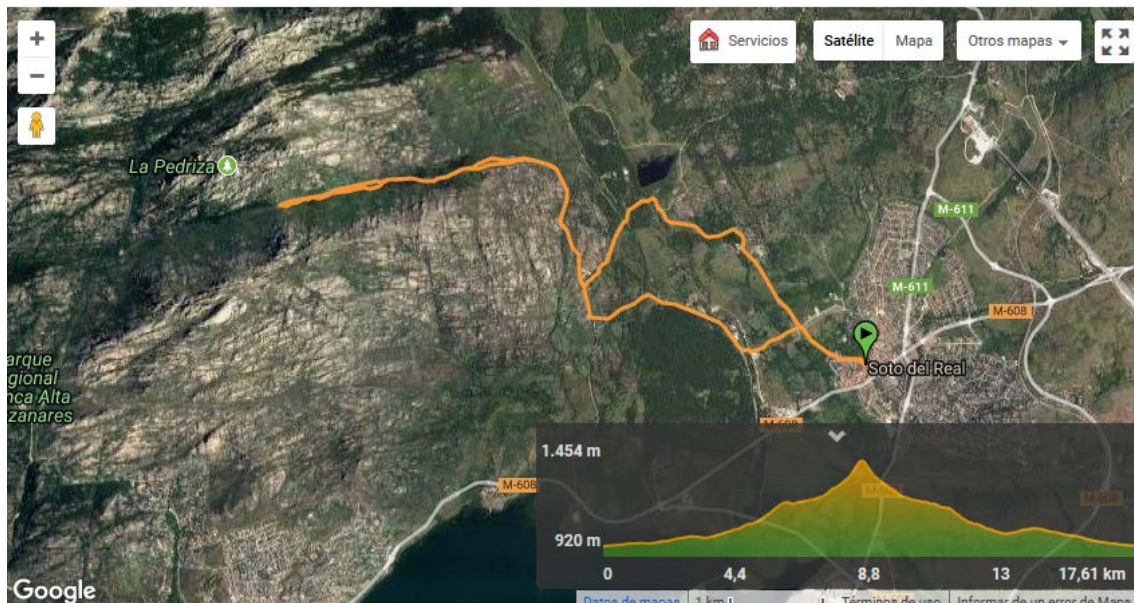


EL COLLADO DE LA DEHESILLA



Hiking

Difficulty: High

Time required: 4-5 hours

We start from the back of the Church of Soto del Real, and take the Avda. De España to the left, to our right is the Parque del Río. 400 meters further on, at the height of the nursery school, there is a junction and we turn right. The asphalt is finished and on the right on top we can see a water tank. We reach the Cañada Real Segoviana and we turn to the left. We continue walking about 800 meters and we find the Arroyo del Mediano that we will cross over the bridge. In front of us we will see the Dehesa Boyal that we will surround on the right following the stone wall. After just over a kilometer the road will turn left leaving the Refuge of La Rodela to the right. The path that we are following ends in a dirt track that we will take to the right in a slight ascent. In a farm on our left we can see the Canto del Berrueco, a large stone with a curious shape.

We continue the track without deviating until we reach a point where we will see two metal doors, one in front and one on our left. We take the latter and continue on the path that crosses the Santillana stream. The ascent to the pass of the Dehesilla begins here. We went through an old granite quarry and an unfortunate attempt to urbanize the area until we got to take the trail that will take us to the pass. Once in it we can enter the Pedriza or retrace our steps.

Shortly before reaching the Berrueco again, we take the track that goes to our left until we reach the Arroyo del Mediano. **ATTENTION**, in times of rain or thaw it may be impossible to cross its channel, which will force us to return where we came from.

After crossing the Mediano we reached the lower part of the Palancares dam, continuing along the track that we were taking without turning aside until we reached the town back.